St Fillans Circle the Village Walk

Distance: 2 miles (3 km)
Time: Allow 45 minutes

Grade: Easy Colour Code: Red

A pleasant stroll around St Fillans, beside the River Earn and then back along behind the village, emerging to overlook Loch Earn and the hills beyond. Look out for Red Squirrels, Osprey, Red & Roe Deer, Kingfishers and even Beaver.

A low-level walk, starting on even paths and roads, then through light woodland, using a rocky, narrow path with gates; returning along the road pavement beside the Loch.

Start at the Village Information Point by the footbridge, near the Village Store and opposite the Arran Brewery Hotel.

Cross the footbridge spanning the River Earn and immediately turn right past the Village War Memorial.

Follow the path a short way around the end of Loch Earn to the South Loch Road and there, turn left.

Walk along the road for about ½ mile, past the weir on your left and St Fillans Golf Club on your right, eventually bearing left to the main road via the old Dundurn Bridge.

At the main road turn left towards the village (taking care crossing the road), then pass Little Port Farm on your right and the National Park sign on your left.

Just beyond the farm, turn right up Station Road, and after about 100 metres keep right towards the Station Caravan Park.

Just before the dismantled railway bridge, turn left along a tarmac path signposted: 'Play Park and Railway Path West'.

This path runs between two fences and then bends up on to the dismantled track bed, passing a crocodile on your left.

Continue on this path for about 50 metres and then turn left into a smaller path (beside a Pensive Grouse), signposted 'St Fillans Play Park.

Take this zig-zag path down towards the play park.

A few metres before entering the play park, take a faint narrow path that forks off to the right (A). This passes the top of the Play Park slide and runs along the bottom of the old railway embankment (on your right) and the back of some gardens (on your left).

After a few hundred metres this emerges into the car park of the Village (Sandison) Hall.

Go through the car park and down the entrance ramp. Here, turn immediately right behind the Achray House Hotel and follow the track behind more houses.

This track emerges on to the main road a little further west, beside the Four Seasons Hotel, with wonderful views looking up the length of Loch Earn. There are often ducks and geese on the foreshore, at this point.

Turn left along the main road, returning to your start at the Information Point.

You may shorten your walk by forking left at the Play Park and going through the gateposts on to Earn View and then Shoemaker's Lane and back to the Information Point, or by going down the lane by the side of the Achray House Hotel and turning left on to the main road.

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